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**Hubert SEIBERLE et al.** ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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For: METHOD OF IMPARTING PREFERRED ALIGNMENT IN LIQUID CRYSTAL  
CELLS, being a National Stage filing of PCT International Application No.  
PCT/IB00/00065, filed on January 25, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Before examining this application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, after the title, insert as a first paragraph the following:

-- This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of  
international application no. PCT/IB00/00065, filed on January 25, 2000, which  
published in the English language. This application also claims the benefit of priority  
under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) to GB patent application no. 9902404.4, filed on February  
3, 1999. --

In the claims:

Please amend claims 2-13 and add new claim 17 as follows:

2. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the irradiation energy,  
measured normal to the radiation, is less than 2 J/cm<sup>2</sup>.